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***COME HEAR ELENA LEICHTY'S TALK ON
"ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HEALTHCARE"***

Saturday, November 16th, 10:00 a.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!



Saturday, December 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
At the home of Susan and Arthur Walenta
737 Bay Tree Lane, El Cerrito (510-526-4383)

Please join us at Susan and Arthur Walenta's beautiful home in the El Cerrito hills for our annual celebration of the holiday season. We always have a wonderful time enjoying the company of our friends, the splendid views, and the holiday cheer. Please remember to bring a holiday treat of finger food –cookies or small sandwiches to share. Our host and hostess will provide coffee and tea.

Please also bring a book for a young child or a donation to be used to buy children's books. We are collecting books and donations to support two programs: **Read-Aloud** for children at kindergarten through second grade levels, and the **Grant School Birthday Book** for first and second grade students. Your generosity in the past has been wonderful. Our contributions are greatly appreciated by the children who benefit as they enjoy the stories while improving their knowledge and skills.

A quartet of A Cappella singers from the **Piedmont Troubadours**, a fully student-run A Cappella choir, dedicated to bringing fun and affordable entertainment to parties and special events, will provide the music for our gathering. Guests are welcome, and the fellowship will be rich and spirited. Please put this special event on your calendar now.

Directions: To get to the Walentas' home at 737 Bay Tree Lane, from I-80 (in either direction): Take the **Central Avenue exit** in El Cerrito. Turn east on Central Ave. Proceed a few blocks, past the traffic lights at Pierce St. and Carlson Blvd. to San Pablo Ave, which is another light. **Turn left (north) on San Pablo.** Proceed north a few blocks, past the light at Stockton Ave. to the next light at Moeser Lane. **Turn right (east) on Moeser** and proceed up the hill almost to The Arlington. When you come to Terrace Drive on the right, **make a sharp right turn** (almost a "V") **onto Terrace.** Avoid the easy right turn at the corner, which is Bates. Proceed southwest down the hill at an angle for one long block. **Make a left turn off of Terrace onto Gelston Place.** (A sign on the corner says "Not a Through Street.") Proceed one block on Gelston, until you come to a "Y" intersection. **Take the right arm of the "Y"** onto Bay Tree Lane—a one-block street which goes downhill and ends in a cul-de-sac. The Walentas' house is a redwood house on the right, the third house from the far end of the street. The top of the garage is covered with trumpet vines. If you get lost, call Sue at (510) 526-4383.

2020 TECH TREK

Plans for the 2020 Tech Trek program are starting. This year, we have again requested eight positions (one for each WCCUSD Middle School) at the Sonoma State University camp. In January we will start working with the schools on the nomination and selection of our Tech Trek campers. **Consider joining the team.** Donations to our Tech Trek Program of any amount are always welcome and fully tax-deductible. We need \$1,000 for each camper we sponsor. **Make your check payable to AAUW-CA SPF with Tech Trek in the memo line** and then either mail it to AAUW WCC Branch, PO Box 501, El Cerrito, CA 94530 or bring it to our November 16 meeting.

Roberta Montgomery and Marsha Weintraub
Tech Trek Co-Coordinators



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue with our exciting Program. At the **October 19 Meeting** we learned about **Project Second Chance**, the Contra Costa County Library's new adult literacy program, and the need for **volunteer tutors**. See article on page 4.

On **November 16th** you will want to hear Elena Leichty's talk on Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare. Then we close the year with the annual Holiday Gathering on **December 14th** from 2-4 PM at the Walenta's. The Piedmont Troubadours will again provide the entertainment. Invite family and friends to these events. Guests are always welcome.

Thank you for your support. I appreciate all you do for the Branch, considering your busy lives and other commitments. I enjoy working with such special women.

Roberta Montgomery



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**, at 2:00 PM, at the home of **Mimi Fruehan** (510-527-7178), 8811 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito. Please contact **President Roberta Montgomery** (510-237-5293) for more information and to let her know whether you will attend.

Afternoon Books: The group meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **1:30 PM**. Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 25**, at the home of **Sue Walenta** (510-526-4383), 737 Bay Tree Lane, El Cerrito. Since there was no meeting in October because of the power outage, we will discuss Toni Morrison's ***God Help the Child*** and Nicholas Gage's ***Eleni***. All are welcome —please join us! There will be no meeting in December.

Lunch Group: The group's next meeting will be **Monday, November 18**, at **12 Noon**, at **Fat Apples**, 7525 Fairmount Avenue, El Cerrito. Contact **Maria LaForge** (510-527-4378; d.laforge@sbcglobal.net) with any questions. All are welcome!

Global Interests Group: The group meets on the **second Monday of each month at 1:30 PM** at the home of **Ellen Mills** (510-229-9020), 1648 Oak View Avenue, Kensington.

The group's next meeting will be **Monday, November 11**, at the home of **Maria LaForge**, **240 Columbia Avenue** (*****NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*****). Gloria Merrill will talk on "Indonesia". The traditional holiday get-together will be on **Monday, December 9**, back at **Ellen's**. Please bring a holiday treat. Contact **Maria LaForge** (510-527-4378; d.laforge@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

Daytime Bridge Group: We are still trying to get the **Bridge Group** going again. The Group is open to all levels of players and will meet on the **third Friday of each month at 1:00 PM**. Please contact **President Roberta Montgomery** (510-237-5293; rjm2343@sbcglobal.net) if you can host a meeting or just want to play.

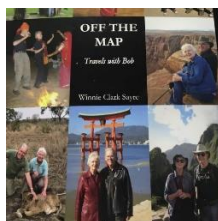
CCC LIBRARY'S PROJECT SECOND CHANCE

Approximately 36 million adults in the United States cannot read or write above a third-grade level. In Contra Costa County, 12% of the population—or 100,000 adults—also struggle with the tasks that most of us take for granted everyday: paying bills, applying for jobs, reading a menu, helping a child with homework, or reading a medicine label.

Project Second Chance (PSC) is a free, confidential program in the Contra Costa County library system that offers one-on-one tutoring to adults age 16 or older and out of K-12 who read or write below a sixth-grade level. Tutors are community volunteers, over 21, who are confident in reading and writing. PSC provides 14 hours of free tutor training and unlimited support. Tutoring pairs work twice a week for 90 minutes per session (3 hours/week total) in a public place to work on reading, writing, spelling, and life skills like how to email a child's teacher, write a resume, take the citizenship exam, and so on.

Since 1984, PSC had helped thousands of people reach their literacy goals. **You can help by spreading the work about the PSC program.** Most of the people that PSC hopes to reach can't read a flyer, but they do hear about the PSC program via word of mouth. Please also consider **volunteering to tutor** if you have the time or let others know about the opportunity to help.

Visit ccclib.org/PSC to learn more about PSC and to find dates and registration information for our upcoming tutor orientation sessions. The next orientation in West County will be on December 3, 2019 at the San Pablo Library. Or contact Laura Hydeman, Sr. Library Literacy Assistant, at the San Pablo Library PSC office for more information: lhydeman@ccclib.org or 510-307-9937.



WINNIE SAYRE'S BOOK: OFF THE MAP - TRAVELS WITH BOB

OFF THE MAP – Travels with Bob is Winnie Clark Sayre's third and final book. It is a travelogue and a tribute to her husband, Bob Sayre. From their beginnings on Kansas farms, they went on to visit over 80 countries on six continents. Over their more than 60 years of marriage, travel expanded both their horizons and their love story.

Below in the note from Winnie's daughter, Julie, is the information for ordering the book.

Dear Friends and Family,

One of my mother's last wishes was for her third book to be published. She with the help of my niece, Alina, have put countless hours into this project and it has come to fruition. The book may be purchased individually at cost (about \$18 plus tax and shipping) or in quantities as you wish. You could even create a little community and share with one another. My Mom would have loved that.

Alina has sent me the following link for book description and online ordering information:

<https://www.blurb.com/bookstore/invited/8271309/ee10af26e301ed0a477a7050eff9717407b7c5f9>
[blurb.com]

To quote my niece, Alina, "I hope you enjoy holding her lovely work in your hands." Please feel free to share this information if you wish.

Much Love, Julie (Shampain)



5 ISSUES WE ARE WATCHING IN 2020

Dear AAUW Members,

As the 2020 presidential campaign gets underway, the power of women is on full display.

Maybe it's that there are so many women in the race — the largest number in history — or because the candidates are eager to earn our support. Whatever the reason, the issues that matter most to us are *finally* getting attention.

As a non-partisan organization, AAUW doesn't endorse specific candidates. But that doesn't mean we're not advocates for the policies that matter most to us. Indeed, we have a long history of championing policies that advance equality for women in education and the workplace.

So, in the months ahead, AAUW will be watching closely to see where candidates stand on these five issues:

1. **Equal Pay for Equal Work.** To close the stubborn wage gap, we need leaders who will pass the federal [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) and advocate for laws and policies that ensure women are not discriminated against at work.
2. **Investing in Education.** Education is the pathway for women and girls, but too many of our schools are falling short. We need to raise teacher pay, invest in [STEM education](#), protect [Title IX](#) and make education a top national priority.
3. **Reducing Student Debt.** Women hold two-thirds of the nation's \$1.46 trillion [educational debt](#). Policymakers should protect grant programs, champion tuition- and debt-free options and expand loan forgiveness programs.
4. **Strengthening Social Security.** Because of lower wages and time off from work, women collect about \$320 a month less than men do in Social Security benefits. Our lawmakers need to [address the retirement wage gap](#) women face.
5. **Implementing Paid Leave.** The U.S. is the only developed country without paid family and sick leave. Let's [adopt policies](#) to give workers paid time off for illness and caregiving.

You know how much is at stake in the next election. So, please, do what you've done in the past: Tune in, get involved, make your voices heard — and ensure that we harness the power of women to drive the national agenda.

With gratitude for all you do to guarantee a brighter future for women and girls,

Kimberly Churches
AAUW Chief Executive Officer

**Two Special Events at
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley
One Lawson Road, Kensington**

1. **UUCB's 2019 Lawrence Lecturer: Tim Wise**

- 11-08-2019 at 7 PM
- Tim Wise is noted among the most prominent anti-racist writers and educators in the US. Wise has been speaking to audiences nationally and internationally for 25 years; and he is the host of the podcast "Speak Out with Tim Wise." The author of seven books, including his latest, *Under the Affluence: Shaming the Poor, Praising the Rich and Sacrificing the Future of America*, and his highly acclaimed memoir, *White Like Me: Reflections of Race from a Privileged Son*. There will be a Q&A session after Tim's lecture, and he will be available to sign books at the end of the program.
- Tickets: uucb.brownpapertickets.com or at the door \$20 for adults; \$10 students

2. **Environmental Symposium**

- 11-09-2019 from 12 Noon until 4 PM
- Pachamama Alliance offers with UUCB the **Awakening the Dreamer Symposium** to the community. Together we will look at the problems of climate change, environmental devastation, and social injustice. We'll explore reasons for hope, and with the help of local environmental groups, we'll begin to identify what each of us can do to create the change we need.
- FREE; To enroll: <http://bitly/UUCB-ATD>

Judy Sam

CULTURE CORNER for NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019
By Barbara Miller

El Cerrito Art Association. Exhibits of local artists' work around El Cerrito. Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.
<https://elcerritoart.org>

- Exhibitions:
 - Through Dec 13 at the El Cerrito Library: Exhibit of First Place Winners of ECAA Annual Art Show
 - Through Nov 13 at the El Cerrito DMV: **Summer Vacation.** Featuring the work of Lynda Arnold, Christopher Beasley, Nick Brooks, Steve DeMello, and Doug Donaldson. Photographs and collages of vacation destinations, vacation transportation
 - Nov 13 through March 13, 2020 at the El Cerrito DMV: **Peace.**

Richmond Art Center. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772. The largest visual arts center in the East Bay. Open Tues.-Sat., 10:00am-5:00pm. Closed major holidays. <http://www.richmondartcenter.org>

- Exhibitions: through Nov 22:
 - **Countersteer.** Main Gallery. This exhibition examines personal expression thru the medium of the motorcycle, featuring 12 custom bikes spanning a range of purpose and creative sensibilities.
 - **Thresholds.** West Gallery. Nicole Mueller uses colored film, collage and paint to activate the natural light and windows of the gallery to show the transitional and intangible nature of spaces.
 - **Pause, Gap, Omission.** South Gallery. Stephen Namara explores the interplay between representation and abstraction, the physical and the intangible. Pencil and rubbed dry pigment.
 - **Ready and Waiting.** Community Gallery. This exhibit features California graphic art and illustration exploring shared issues relevant to local and global communities. Various artists.

- **Rich Reality.** Community Gallery. Posters by young artists who participated in a free printmaking class at the Richmond Art Center this summer.
- Sun., Dec 8, 11:00am-5:00pm: **Holiday Arts Festival.** Find holiday gifts at this marketplace of local artists and craftspeople—housewares, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, prints and paintings. Enjoy food, drinks, art-making activities. Free.

NIAD Art Center. 551 23rd Ave., Richmond. 510-620-0290. <http://niadart.org/exhibits/> NIAD also presents several online exhibitions. See <http://niadart.org/category/blog/>

- Nov 2 through 29: Exhibitions:
 - **Have / Hold.** Small sculptures on the theme of “to have and to hold”. About connections and intimacy. Various artists. Organized by Julia Schwartz.
 - **A Movement of One.** Artists as creative outsiders, isolated in their creative life from the conventions and influences of the art world. A concurrent exhibit with the Portland Art and Learning Studios with creations by artists from both places. Organized by Jay Wehnert.
 - **Earth Exit: From the Body of the Teacher.** By Sarah-Dawn Albani. An examination of the infamous cult Heaven’s Gate. “Combining objects and hand-drawn portraits based on the filmed ‘exit statements’ of its members, the exhibition offers an insightful look into belief and authoritarianism, mythology, and the desire for meaning.”
- Sat., Nov. 9, 1:00-4:00pm: **Opening Reception for November Exhibitions**
- Thurs., Nov 21, 4:00-7:00pm: Thirsty Thursday, with open bar, music, and snacks. At 5:45, there will be a walk-through of the exhibit Have/Hold by its organizer, Julia Schwartz and some of its artists
- Dec 7-26: Exhibitions:
 - Untitled Exhibition organized by Cynthia Ona Innis.
 - **Right Here, Right Now, Richmond.**
 - Solo exhibition of Terry Hoff
 - **Holiday Lounge 8,** at the storefront.
- Sat., Dec 14: 1:00-4:00pm: **Opening Reception for December Exhibitions**

San Pablo Art Gallery. Maple Hall, 13831 San Pablo Ave., Bldg. 4, San Pablo. 510-882-8673. **NOTE:** The SPAG is closing down in its current form and will re-open when the city of San Pablo finishes building its new City Hall. The current exhibit is a final retrospective.

<http://www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us/1237/Art-Gallery>

- Through Dec 15, Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00-4:00pm: **A Fond Farewell.** Art by 50 artists who have exhibited their work here throughout the past 20-plus years.
<https://www.sanpabloca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12312/A-Fond-Farewell-Flyer>

Youth Musical Theater Company (YMTC). El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 510-595-5514. <https://ymtcbayarea.org>

- Nov 3, 5:00pm; Nov 7 and 8, 7:30pm; Nov 9: 2:00pm and 7:30pm; Nov 10: 2:00pm. **Rent.** This rock opera, loosely based on Puccini’s *La Boheme*, won 4 Tony awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1996. It also won the 1997 Grammy Award for best Musical Show album. *Rent* is the story of community, survival and friendship in the midst of the AIDS crisis in New York. Music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson.

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts. 339 11th St., Richmond. 510-234-5624.

<http://www.eastbaycenter.org/events/upcoming-events>

- Nov 2 and 3, 12:00-4:00pm: **Soul Endeavor.** A highly diverse recital by center students, featuring music from bebop and jazz classics to piano compositions, Mexican regional music, rock ballads and opera standards. Free.

John and Jean Knox Performing Arts Center at Contra Costa College. El Portal Drive and Castro Drive, in San Pablo. Plays are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. 510-215-4950. For a map of the college, go to <https://www.contracosta.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Map-CCC-8.jpg> Or Yelp.

- Nov 1, 2, at 7:30: **Frida Kahlo – The Artist; The Woman.** “A bio-epic that mixes history, folklore, culture, music, and dance weaved through magical realism, bringing to the stage the life of one of the most influential artists in the world.” Spanish showings also offered. Tickets are \$10 online, \$15 at the door. For tickets and a map of the college, go to: <https://www.contracosta.edu/event/coc-drama-presents-friday-kahlo-the-artist-the-woman-in-english/>
- Dec 5-8. All shows except Sunday at 7:30pm; Sunday, 3:00pm. **The Book of Liz** by David Sedaris and Amy Sedaris. An off-key and off-color comedy about a nun who decides to try her life in the outside world. <https://www.contracosta.edu/event/coc-drama-presents-the-book-of-liz/>

Cerrito Theater (Rialto Cinemas). 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-273-9102. El Cerrito's own restored art deco theater. Have a drink and/or dine in during the film, or visit “The Scene” wine bar next to the lobby before or after the show. <http://www.rialtocinemas.com/cerrito>. To buy tickets online, go to <https://rialtocinemascerrito.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=3786&venuecode=6637>

- **National Theatre Live.** All shows are at 7:00pm. They sell out quickly, so purchase tickets early.
 - Nov 11 and 18; Dec 4 and 11: **Hansard.** A “witty and devastating portrait of the governing class” starring Olivier Award winners Lindsay Duncan and Alex Jennings. A new play by Simon Woods, directed by Simon Godwin. https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_hansard_cer
 - Wed, Nov 6: **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, by William Shakespeare. Dir. by Richard Hytner. starring Gwendoline Christie, Oliver Chris, David Moorst, and Hammed Animashaun. https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_midsummer_cer
 - Dec 2, 16 and 18: **Present Laughter**, by Noel Coward, directed by Matthew Warchus. “A giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire, and loneliness.” Fans of Masterpiece's *Sherlock* will recognize the star, Andrew Scott, as Prof. James Moriarty. https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_present_cer
- **GREAT ART ON SCREEN**
<https://rialtocinemascerrito.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=3786&venuecode=6637>
 - Wed., Nov 20, 2:00pm: **The Prado Museum: A Collection of Wonders.** “Hosted by Academy Award winner Jeremy Irons, this cinematic journey offers viewers a spell-binding experience telling the story of Spain and beyond, through the works of Velazquez, Rubens, Titian, Mantegna, Bosch, Goya, El Greco and more.” https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_prado_cer
- **EXHIBITION**
 - Thurs, Nov 7 and Dec 5, 2:00pm: **Leonardo: The Works.** For the first time, all of Leonardo's paintings will be shown in ultra-HD on the big screen. Filmed at museums throughout Europe and the U.S., narrated by leading experts on da Vinci's art. This tribute focuses on Leonardo's paintings and drawings. It also “looks afresh at Leonardo's life – his inventiveness, his sculptural skills, his military foresight and his ability to navigate the treacherous politics of the day – through the prism of his art.” “The definitive film about Leonardo.” https://www.rialtocinemas.com/index.php?location=cerrito&film=2019_leonardo_cer

Contra Costa Civic Theater. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9012. <https://ccct.org/shows/>
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm; Sundays at 2:00pm.

- Weekends from Nov 29 through Dec 15: **It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play.** “This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds.” Directed by David Bogdonoff.

Rosie the Riveter National Historic Park. 1414 Harbour Way South, Suite 3000, Richmond. 510-232-5050. Open daily: 10:00am-5:00pm. Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Visitor Center and are free. If you have stories to share, call 510-232-5050 ext. 6643. <https://www.nps.gov/rori/playourvisit/calendar.htm> **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Betty Soskin's talks have been temporarily suspended after she suffered a stroke in September. The Park expects her to resume her

talks in six months. Meanwhile, you can watch the movie about her life and mission, *No Time to Waste: The Urgent Mission of Betty Reid Soskin*. You can see the movie trailer here:

<http://www.rosietheriveter.org/events/film-events>

- **No Time to Waste:**
 - **The Richmond Showing Sold Out!** For more details, go to the website: <http://www.rosietheriveter.org/events/film-events>. Other dates and venues:
 - Sun., Nov 10, 2:00pm at the Sebastian Theater, 476 First Street East, Sonoma
 - Sat., Feb 22, 2020, 7:00pm: The Presidio in San Francisco.
- **Regular Dates:** The calendar for November and December was not yet available as this newsletter went to press. The following are the regularly scheduled films and discussions. Please check the website for special events.
 - Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm: ***Blossoms and Thorns***. A documentary about Richmond's pre- and post-war community of Japanese flower growers, followed by a docent's personal story of experiences in a WWII incarceration camp.

El Cerrito Historical Society. This group works to preserve and record the city's history and make that information available to the public. Learn about El Cerrito's history from the collection of printed and electronic information available at the Dorothy and Sundar Shadi History Room in City Hall. Take a walking tour through El Cerrito's history along San Pablo Ave. using brochures available at City Hall.

<http://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/index.html>

Kensington Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. <https://www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org>. Music Director and Conductor: Geoffrey Gallegos

- Sat., Dec 14, 7:30pm: ***American Holiday***. "Buckaroo Holiday" from *Rodeo* by Aaron Copeland; *A Musician's Life*, a parable on the life and death of Robert Blanshard, by Mark Narins, who will conduct, and featuring Paige Patrick, soprano; "Noël" from *Symphonic Sketches* by George Whitefield Chadwick; and Duke Ellington's *The Nutcracker Suite* (after Tchaikovsky).

West County Winds. Concerts are at the Knox Center for the Performing Arts on the Contra Costa College campus. El Portal Drive and Castro Drive, in San Pablo.. <http://westcountywinds.org/>

- Sun., Nov 17, 3:00pm: Fall Classics. Conductor: Geoffrey Gallegos. Program: *Festive Overture Op. 96* by Dmitri Shostakovich; *2nd Suite for Military Band in F Major Op. 28* by Gustav Holst; *Elegy* by John Barnes Chance; *Fiesta Del Pacifico* by Roger Nixon; *On a Hymnsong of Phillip Bliss*, by by Holsinger, conducted by Sue Crum; *Stars and Stripes Forever* by John Philip Sousa.

Contra Costa Chorale. Concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Director: Cindy Beitmen. <http://ccchorale.org>

- Sat., Dec 7, 8:00pm: Fall concert. *Bernstein and Copland*. Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and selections from *Mass*; selections from Copland's *The Tender Land* and *Old American Songs*.

Barnes & Noble Author Event. 6050 El Cerrito Plaza.

<https://stores.barnesandnoble.com/events?sort=date%2ctime&view=events2>

- Sat., Nov 2, 2:00pm: Frank J. Romano: *Love and Terror*. Frank Romano is the author of the book, *Love and Terror in the Middle East*. An attorney and a graduate of the Sorbonne, he currently teaches law, literature, history and philosophy of law at the Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense. He conducts interfaith meetings in parts of the world where there is religious strife. Mr. Romano was arrested in Israel last year for stepping in front of a bulldozer, trying to prevent the destruction of a Bedouin village in the West Bank.
- Sat., Nov 9, 4:00pm: ***Poetry Night with April Wakefield-Spikener***. A special poetry reading with a local author. Ms. Wakefield-Spikener is the author of *Internal Monologue*, which has a 5-star rating on Amazon, and *Butterfly: Poetry for the Soul*, published earlier this year.

East Bay Science Café. Café Leila; 1742 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley.

<http://scienceatcal.berkeley.edu/east-bay-science-cafe/>

- Thurs., Nov 14: ***The Secret Superpowers of insects and other critters.*** Dr. Javier Navarro. Learn about a coffee addict, a wood-degrading machine, and litter decomposers. “All have something in common: Their intimate associations with microbes to thrive in their unique environments.”

Thurs., Dec 12: TBD. Check website in late November for topic and speaker.

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